

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**

**Members Present:** Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Sheriff John Aubrey; Mark Bolton; Sheriall Cunningham; Judge Jennifer B. Wilcox (Designee for Judge Sean Delahanty); D. Scott Furkin; Dan Goyette; Roger Henderson; Carla Kreitman; Ginny Lee; David L. Nicholson; Charlotte Van Meter; and Clarence Williams.

**Excused Members:** Kim Allen; Lucy Lee; and Richard Lewis

**Guests Present:** Jamie Allen (Metro Corrections); Wanda Baker (Circuit Court Clerk's Office) Kathy Bingham (Metro Corrections); and Monzella Wells (Drug Court).

**Staff Present:** Dr. Deborah Keeling; Faith Augustine; Bruce McMichael; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

**I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Deborah Keeling called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF AUGUST 21, 2010 MEETING**

The summary of the August 21, 2010 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Keeling reported that the fall edition of the CJC quarterly newsletter, *Metro Justice Forum*, will be distributed in November.

According to Dr. Keeling, the recidivism study will be completed in the very near future. Results will be discussed with Mark Bolton, Director, Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, and then released for publication.

Dr. Keeling advised that the *Criminal Justice Commission: Criminal Justice Issues Survey* of major criminal justice issues in our community has been completed. She thanked the Board for participating in the survey. Analysis and comparison with 2007 survey results should be complete and presented to the Board early next year.

Dr. Keeling also noted that the date, time and location of December Board meeting have changed. The next meeting of the Board will be December 9<sup>th</sup>; 1-3 p.m., in the Criminal Justice Commission office. Agenda items will be discussed briefly followed by a Holiday Reception.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION**

##### *New Drugs of Abuse*

Tom Gorman

Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), Drug Enforcement Administration

Before beginning his presentation, ASAC Gorman provided a brief history of his 19 years with the DEA. Having been in Louisville less than one year, Mr. Gorman spoke highly of the positive working relationship between all aspects of law enforcement in our community (Sheriff, LMPD, state, and federal).

Mr. Gorman reported on the two drugs that were newly legislated in the 2010 KRS - Synthetic Cannabinoids; and *Salvia Divinorum*.

The Synthetic Cannabinoids are more commonly known as *K-2* or *Spice*. When smoked, it produces side effects that are identical to marijuana. The strength of the effect varies with the amount of the drug that is applied to plant material. High doses produce hallucinations. Testing for physical addiction is inconclusive, but physicians report that psychological addiction is difficult to overcome. The federal government classifies this as a "Drug of Concern" until it completes its testing. Kentucky is one of 13 states that have outlawed *K-2*; Indiana has not, making it easily available locally.

*Salvia Divinorum* has been outlawed in Kentucky and 25 other states. *Salvia* is a genus of plants that includes over 900 species. Some types of *salvia* are common garden flowers; however, *Salvia Divinorum* is indigenous to southwest Mexico and not to our area. This drug is sold as incense and is primarily smoked or brewed into tea. It has the effects of uncontrollable laughter and hallucinations. This drug has not been outlawed in Indiana, and is considered a "Drug of Concern" at the federal level.

According to Mr. Gorman, use of these drugs is growing in the Louisville area. Monsella Wells, Jefferson County Drug Court, reported that the uses of these substances are prevalent by Drug Court participants. Although the drugs are not identified by standard drug testing, there are tests available to indicate usage; however, the tests are expensive and require a court order.

Ms. Wells also reported a drug of growing concern known as *White Ivory*. It is a synthetic cocaine-like substance that has side effects similar to Parkinson's disease. This substance is also surfacing as a substance used by Drug Court participants.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Legislative Committee**

Stephanie Stidham reported that the Legislative Committee has been meeting and approximately 14-15 proposals have been made to the Committee. The recommendations approved by the Legislative Committee, as well as the legislative proposals recommended by the Louisville Metro Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (DVPCC), are included in the agenda packet. One of the proposals involved enhancing Hate Crimes to include murder and kidnapping (along with other crimes) to the list of eligible offenses.

Also, the DVPCC recommended legislation that would afford *dating partners* to obtain domestic violence protective orders. This legislation was pre-filed as Bill Request 131. Additional recommendations from the DVPCC: include care, custody and control of pets as part of domestic violence orders and enable a tenant to terminate his/her lease without penalty in those situations in which someone who is restrained via a court order lives in the same dwelling units as the protected tenant. This is a short legislative session and while it is not a budget year, the fiscal impact of any legislation is anticipated to be an issue for members of the General Assembly. As in previous years, Ms. Stidham noted that Commission staff will track criminal justice legislation during the session.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

David Nicholson suggested the CJC staff attend and monitor the presentations of the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act (PEW Study). Additionally, Mr. Nicholson expressed the need for better communication and coordination between public safety agencies. He cited the new LMPD grant that will fund 32 additional officers as an example. This addition will impact Metro Corrections as well as the Circuit Court Clerk, Public Defender and County Attorney's Offices. Mr. Nicholson noted that this is an opportune time to speak with the new Mayor and his Administration about the mission of the CJC as a coordinating agency for all public safety and criminal justice.

D. Scott Furkin invited members to attend events celebrating Pro Bono Week at the Louisville Bar Association office, 600 W. Main Street. Two events were announced:

*Cyber Safety* – Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. – In partnership with the Exploited Children's Help Organization, LBA is presenting a program discussing cyber bullying, the dangers of social websites, and the risks of posting personal information online.

*Empathy Experience* – Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – In partnership with the Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council, the LBA will present a representation of the victim's experience when following a DV situation through the "system."

Mark Bolton reported on the progress of the Day Reporting Center. The Center is on track to begin work in January, 2011. A location is secured in the "Unemployment Office" building at 6<sup>th</sup> & Cedar. Mr. Bolton also distributed a flyer regarding the program.

Ginny Lee announced that a new risk assessment instrument (RAI), developed and used in Pretrial Services has been evaluated. The RAI has been validated and other jurisdictions are considering adopting the form.

## **VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Criminal Justice Commission office, 514 W. Liberty, Suite 106.